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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: GRB OFFICIALS WERE GREATLY IMPRESSED
WITH THE ATTENTION SHOWN TO THEM BY A/S JOHN
SHATTUCK, DAS MCKINLEY, AMB RAWSON AND SA JUDITH
KAUFMAN. THOUGH THE SIX HOUR VISIT BEGAN BEHIND
SCHEDULE, A/S SHATTUCK WAS RECEIVED BY INTERIM
PRESIDENT NTIBANTUNGANYA, PRIME MINISTER KANYENKIKO
AND DEFENSE MINISTER FYIROKO. THE BURUNDIANS
EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR BEING AMONG THOSE

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CONSULTED IN THE
SUBREGION ABOUT THE RWANDAN SITUATION AND HEAPED
PROFOUND GRATITUDE ON THE USG FOR ITS CONTINUED
SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE ON THEIR DEMOCRATIZATION
EFFORTS AND DURING THE PROLONGED CRISIS. AS
REPORTED REF (A), INTERIM PRESIDENT NTIBANTUNGANYA
SAID HE SUGGESTED TO RPF MEMBER PASTEUR BIZIMUNGU
THAT AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE WAS NEEDED TO MOUNT A
CEASEFIRE AND HELP STOP MASSACRES IN RWANDA. END
COMMENT.

PRIME MINISTER'S VIEW

3. A/S JOHN SHATTUCK AND HIS DELEGATION MET PRIME
MINISTER ANATOLE KANYENKIKO (UPRONIST, TUTSI) AT HIS
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OFFICE IN THE PRESIDENCY ON MAY 6. CHARGE
ACCOMPANIED THE DELEGATION. A/S SHATTUCK EXPRESSED
PRESIDENT CLINTON'S APPRECIATION FOR BURUNDI'S
ASSISTANCE WITH THE EVACUATION OF AMERICANS AND
OTHER FOREIGNERS FROM RWANDA LAST MONTH. HE ALSO
CONVEYED USG CONCERNS ABOUT AND DESIRE TO ASSIST THE
POLITICAL AND HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN THE
SUBREGION. SHATTUCK COMMENDED THE PM AND BURUNDI
LEADERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO KEEP THIS COUNTRY
RELATIVELY CALM AND TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS
IMPLANTING DEMOCRACY; HE PRAISED THE ADMINISTRATION
FOR DOING SO IN THE FACE OF THE TRAGIC PROBLEMS IN
RWANDA.

4. KANYENKIKO ASKED SHATTUCK TO CONVEY BURUNDI'S
THANKS FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL VISIT AND FOR THE
CONTINUING FLOW OF SUPPORTIVE MESSAGES FROM THE
U.S. BURUNDIANS, HE SAID, GREATLY APPRECIATED THE
HELP OF EMBASSY BUJUMBURA AND AMERICAN NGOS, THE
NDI, WHO WORKED FOR BURUNDIAN DEMOCRACY. BURUNDI
WILL CONTINUE TO NEED THE MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT
OF PARTNERS LIKE THE U.S., HE SAID; AN INFORMED
PUBLIC NEEDS TO PARTICIPATE AND MILITARY MUST
UNDERSTAND ITS ROLE. THE COUNTRY FACES SEVERE
DEMANDS FOR HUMANITARIAN RELIEF WITH THE RETURN OF
BURUNDIANS AND INFLOW OF RWANDAN REFUGEES.
KANYENKIKO SAID THE GRB IS MANAGING THE CALM BY
VIRTUE OF THE NEW-FOUND COLLABORATION BETWEEN
CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS, BUT THERE ARE STILL
OLD SOCIAL SUSPICIONS WHICH OFFICIALS ARE MONITORING

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5. A/S SHATTUCK INFORMED THAT THE U.S. WAS LOOKING FOR A MEANS TO ADDRESS THE RWANDAN SITUATION: (1) TO STOP THE CIVILIAN KILLINGS, (2) ACHIEVE A CEASEFIRE, AND (3) STRENGTHEN THE INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE AND THE SUBREGION FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION. HE HAD SPOKEN TO OTHERS IN THE AREA WHO HAD AGREED ON THESE OBJECTIVES. KANYENKIKO STATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD AND SUBSCRIBED TO THE FIRST TWO OF THESE OBJECTIVES; BUT, HE STRESSED THAT BURUNDIANS WOULD PREFER THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES HUMANITARIAN INVOLVEMENT TO ANY POTENTIAL ROLE WHICH COULD CAUSE A COMBAT

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INTERIM PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

6. FOLLOWING CUSTOMARY PLEASANTRIES, A/S SHATTUCK CONVEYED PRESIDENT CLINTON'S MESSAGE AND MADE VIRTUALLY THE SAME PRESENTATION TO INTERIM PRESIDENT SYLVESTRE NTIBANTUNGANYA (HUTU). IN WHAT SEEMED LIKE A REHEARSED MESSAGE FROM THE GRB CABINET, NTIBANTUNGANYA EXTOLLED THE USG, USAID AND AMERICAN NGOS FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR BURUNDI DEMOCRACY AND HIS SPECIAL THANKS FOR THE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE ALREADY ACCORDED TO THE COUNTRY SINCE THE OCTOBER ONSET OF THE CRISIS. BEFORE GETTING TO RWANDA, THE INTERIM PRESIDENT TRACED AT LENGTH THE EVOLUTION OF THE CURRENT CRISIS AND ASKED FOR U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT AS BURUNDI CONFRONTS ONCE AGAIN THE IMPORTANT TASK OF CHOOSING A NEW HEAD OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT. ON RWANDA, NTIBANTUNGANYA SPELLED OUT HIS VIEWS IN REACTION TO THE VISIT OF RPF MEMBER PASTEUR BIZIMUNGU. THE PRESIDENT ALLOWED MODESTLY THAT BURUNDI WOULD ASSIST ITS NORTHERN NEIGHBOR AS BEST IT COULD GIVEN ITS OWN CIRCUMSTANCES. (COMMENT: BESIDES EXHORTING RWANDA PROTAGONISTS TO ESTABLISH A CEASEFIRE AND RETURN TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE, BURUNDI WILL LIKELY BE CONSTRAINED BY ITS PUBLIC PLEDGE OF NEUTRALITY IN THE SITUATION TO PARTICIPATE MORE OVERTLY THAN AN

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ARUSHA OBSERVER GIVEN REGIONAL SENTIMENTS. COMMENT.)

DEFENSE VIEW

7. A/S SHATTUCK INFORMED DEFENSE MINISTER GEDEON FYIROKO THAT HE HAD COME AT PRESIDENT CLINTON'S REQUEST TO EXPRESS HIS PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY THE GRB AND BURUNDI MILITARY

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IN THE EVACUATION OF RWANDA. HE COMMENTED ON THE MINISTER ON HIS AND BURUNDI LEADERS' EFFORTS TO KEEP PEACE AND CALM IN THIS COUNTRY. (FYI: ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF LTC BIKOMAGU WAS NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO A SCHEDULE CONFLICT. END FYI.) FYIROKO WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE PERSONAL VISIT AND EXPRESSED HIS PRIDE IN THE ROLE OF THE MILITARY IN THE HUMANITARIAN EFFORT TO EVACUATE FOREIGNERS FROM RWANDA. HE CALLED THE CURRENT SITUATION THERE A CATASTROPHE AND NOTED THAT SERIOUS PROBLEMS HAD BEEN CREATED BY THOSE FLEEING THE FIGHTING AND KILLING. DAS MCKINLEY INTERJECTED HE WAS HEADED TO NGARA, TANZANIA FOR A FIRST-HAND ASSESSMENT. BURUNDI HAD HAD ITS OWN PROBLEMS WITH KILLINGS HERE AND DID NOT WISH TO FALL VICTIM TO THE MALADY AFFECTING RWANDA, THE MOD SAID. THE GRB IS ATTEMPTING TO DISARM CIVILIANS IN BURUNDI AND TRYING TO IMPROVE THE RAPPORT BETWEEN CIVILIANS AND THE MILITARY; LIKE OTHER QUARTERS OF SOCIETY, THEY (MILITARY) WANT TO SEE A SMOOTH PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION PROCESS. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM USDEL KAUFMAN, FYIROKO SAID THE AAI-SPONSORED CIVILIAN/MILITARY CONFERENCE IN EARLY 1993 HAD BEEN

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VERY HELPFUL TO THE BURUNDI MILITARY.

8. COMMENT: IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE MEETINGS WITH BURUNDI LEADERS THAT THEY WERE PLEASED TO BE GIVEN ATTENTION BY THE HIGH-LEVEL SHATTUCK DELEGATION TRAVELLING IN THE REGION. EQUALLY, THEY CONTINUED TO MANIFEST PRIDE IN THE ROLE BURUNDIANS PLAYED IN THE EVACUATION OF AMERICANS FROM RWANDA. BURUNDI LEADERS ALSO CONTINUE TO STRESS THEIR DETERMINATION TO KEEP THE LID ON HERE IN FACE OF EVENTS IN RWANDA. THIS TASK IS NOT MADE EASY WITH CONTINUED PURSUIT OF CIVILIAN DISARMAMENT OUTSIDE OF BUJUMBURA, IN SPITE OF GRB EFFORTS TO IMPROVE CIVILIAN/MILITARY RELATIONS. END COMMENT.

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